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## Executive Director to New Indiana Charter School Board



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State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Tony Bennett today appointed Claire Fiddian-Green to the Indiana Charter School Board, where she will serve as the board's first executive director. House Enrolled Act 1002, recently signed into law by Governor Mitch Daniels, establishes the Indiana Charter School Board to serve as both a sponsoring and regulatory entity for charter schools.

"With over 3,500 students on waiting lists for public charter schools, Indiana's Charter School Board will ensure more families have access to high quality educational options for their children," said Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Bennett. "I can't think of anyone better qualified than Claire to help lead this new board. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience as well as a passionate commitment to serving Hoosier students."

As executive director of the Indiana Charter School Board, Claire Fiddian-Green will work closely with Dr. Tony Bennett and the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) to design and implement a robust statewide charter authorizing entity to help grow the supply of quality charter schools around the state. Core principles of this new authorizing board include a dual focus on quality and accountability for charter schools—in addition to attracting talented educational leaders who will implement new and proven charter school models around the state.

"It is critical as we move forward to both maintain the integrity and expansion of quality options for Indiana students" said Fiddian-Green. "I am honored to serve at the request of Dr. Bennett as Indiana takes the lead in education reforms that benefit all children."

With a Masters degree in Business Administration from Columbia University and an impressive record of experience and excellence in the field of education, Ms. Fiddian-Green is uniquely qualified to help lead the Indiana Charter School Board. In her time as president of the Indianapolis-based group The Mind Trust, Claire played a vital role in helping advocate student-centered education reforms while also providing tangible results for Indianapolis youth. She has also been actively involved in the community as both a board member for mayor-sponsored charter school KIPP Indianapolis College Preparatory and as a community partnership board member for 'Connected by 25,' a foster youth independent living services initiative sponsored by United Way of Central Indiana.

Claire will begin in her new role effective next month, June 2011.

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